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the Compassionate Source of All Mercy

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How to Use This Book

This textbook is written for the student's first expansive introduction to Juz 'Amma, the 30th and final part of the Holy Qur'an. Juz 'Amma includes the shortest surahs and are typically those first learned and memorized. Nearly all 37 surahs comprising Juz 'Amma are known as Makkan surahs. These are typically the earliest surahs revealed in the formative days of Islam.

During this period, the Blessed Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was first called to deliver the message of Islam. Born and raised in the city of Makkah, he was chosen at the age of 40 by Allah ﷻ to be the final prophet to the world. The society at that time was mired in idol-worship, superstition and corruption. There was no central government, no authoritative force to call upon for assistance and to maintain the peace; no court of law to enforce justice, no accountability and no means of punishment for wrong-doing other than tribal retribution. The customs of the different clans and tribal groups were the only 'laws' mandated, and these were purely at the whim and jurisdiction of the clan. Sometimes disputes and out and out wars between tribes would last for years.

In the early phase of the Prophet's ﷺ mission, Allah ﷻ revealed these short surahs, comprising themes of accountability, purpose of life, the falsity of idol-worship and the overwhelming power and majesty of Allah ﷻ. For the idol worshippers in Arabia, who had only tribal loyalty to determine the moral code, these themes were novel indeed. Prophet Muhammad's ﷺ call for Tauhid, belief in the One True God, and the recitation of these surahs were initially met with doubt, conjecture, claims of madness and of possession by Jinn. Severe persecution and torture of the new believers followed and eventually Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and the believers were forced to flee Makkah for the safety and welcoming community of the city of Madinah. Surahs revealed from this time onward are known as Madinan surahs.

This edition presents a new and more comprehensive approach to learning Juz 'Amma. All 37 surahs are laid out clearly and logically. Each surah consists of a complete lesson. Enclosed with the textbook is a CD containing the recitation of all surahs and consisting of two parts: 1) the recitation of the surah for learning (Repetition Track – Mukarrar) in which the ayaat are repeated 3X each, and 2) the recitation for memorization (Memorization Track – Mu'alim) in which the ayaat are repeated only once with a substantial pause for students to repeat on their own.

Another exciting and unique feature is the Words to Know section. Here, key Arabic words are highlighted from each surah, helping students to better understand meaning and to increase their knowledge of Arabic vocabulary. There are two sections: Words to Know and Qur'anic Word: Root and Meaning.

Words to Know: key words from the surah and their English meaning are given. These are basic, necessary words found in significant frequency throughout the Qur'an.

Qur'anic Word: Root and Meaning: presented here is the usage of the Arabic word within the individual ayah, the meaning in English, the three-letter Arabic root word and an example of the word in a sentence.

For the young learner, we have included 18 stories from the Noorart's 'Qur'an for Little Muslims' CDs Series. Although at this time there is not a story to accompany each surah, these short stories are excellent for the young student to understand the practical application of the meaning of these surahs in their daily lives. The text of each story can be found at the end of each related surah, and can be read by the teacher, the students or their parents. Some stories are written in the form of a play. We highly encourage educators to perform these for the class, the school, parents and/or the community.

There are four parts to each lesson:

- 1- The Introduction: sets the stage for the history or occasion concerning the revelation of the surah.
- 2- The surah: individual ayaat are listed in order in Arabic and with the explanation of the meaning in English. Standard Othmani script has been chosen for ease of reading.
- 3- Words to Know and Qur'anic Word: Root and Meaning: highlights key words from each surah, helping students to better understand the meaning and to increase their knowledge of Arabic vocabulary.
- 4- Review Exercises: Think and Write questions that challenge the students' comprehension as well as activities that allow students to practically apply the knowledge gained from the surah.

The Blessed Prophet Muhammad ﷺ encouraged Muslims to commit to memory the Arabic text of the Qur'an. A Hadith or saying of the Prophet ﷺ, assures the believers of 10 rewards for each letter recited. On another occasion he said our place in Paradise will be determined by how much of the Qur'an we know.

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• Qur'anic Word Root and Meaning:

Although the Arabic Root Word is normally presented in 3-letter, unconnected form, we have offered the root word here in connected verb form to aid student comprehension and help build Arabic vocabulary with the greatest ease.

• **All Arabic words and sentences** used within the textbook are available in audio format by accessing the Teacher Resources link at www.noorart.com.

• **The Student Textbook** is recommended for Grades 2- 8. However we leave it to the teacher's discretion as to which surahs, sections and stories are most appropriate for your particular classroom.

May Allah ﷻ make your learning fruitful. Ameen.

سُورَةُ النَّبَاِ

An-Naba

The Prophecy
Makkan Period

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This surah was revealed in Makkah. Its message is directed at those who disbelieve in Allah ﷻ. It begins by listing all of the miracles of the natural world which Allah ﷻ created. Then, after pointing out that only an intelligent being could have designed everything so perfectly, Allah ﷻ turns the argument towards the punishment or reward we can all expect in the next life, which is as real as the wonders of the natural world. He closes the surah with a call to ponder over the Last Day and what will happen.

سُورَةُ النَّبَاِ

The Prophecy



In The Name of Allah,
the Compassionate Source of
All Mercy.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

What are they arguing about?

عَمَّ يَتَسَاءَلُونَ ﴿١﴾

They're arguing about the great
prophecy (of resurrection),

عَنِ النَّبَاِ الْعَظِيمِ ﴿٢﴾

(And) it makes them disagree.

الَّذِي هُمْ فِيهِ مُخْتَلِفُونَ ﴿٣﴾

But they will soon learn.

كَلَّا سَيَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٤﴾

Yes, they will definitely soon learn!

نَزَّلَا سَيَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٥﴾

Didn't We spread the earth's
surface?

أَلَمْ نَجْعَلِ الْأَرْضَ مَهْدًا ﴿٦﴾

And anchor it with strong
mountains?

وَالْجِبَالَ أَوْتَادًا ﴿٧﴾

And (didn't We) create you in pairs?

وَخَلَقْنَاكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا ﴿٨﴾

And give you sleep as your way to
rest?

وَجَعَلْنَا نَوْمَكُمْ سُبَاتًا ﴿٩﴾

We made the night for covering up

وَجَعَلْنَا اللَّيْلَ لِبَاسًا ﴿١٠﴾

And the day for activity.

وَجَعَلْنَا النَّهَارَ مَعَاشًا ﴿١١﴾

And We built high above you the
seven-layered (skies),

وَبَنَيْنَا فَوْقَكُمْ سَبْعًا شِدَادًا ﴿١٢﴾

And We made a blazing (sun).

وَجَعَلْنَا سِرَاجًا وَهَّاجًا ﴿١٣﴾

We send the heavy rains from the
clouds.

وَأَنزَلْنَا مِنَ الْمُعْصِرَاتِ مَاءً ثَجَّاجًا ﴿١٤﴾

Words to know

Qur'anic Word	Meaning	Qur'anic Word	Meaning
الْعَظِيم	the great	يَوْمَ الْقَضَى	one of the names of the Day of Judgement
الْأَرْض	the earth	السَّمَاء	the sky
الْجِبَال	the mountains	جَهَنَّمَ	Hellfire
اللَّيْل	the night	حَدَائِقَ	Gardens
النَّهَار	the day	كَأْسًا	a cup
سَبْعًا	seven		
مَاءً	water		

Qur'anic Word: Root and Meaning

Qur'anic Word	Meaning	Root	Example
يَسْأَلُونَ	they are asking	سَأَلَ	سَأَلَ الطَّالِبُ مُعَلِّمَهُ عَنِ الرِّكَاعَةِ.
مُخْتَلِفُونَ	differing among themselves	خَلَفَ	يَخْتَلِفُ النَّاسُ فِي طِبَاعِهِمْ.
سَيَعْلَمُونَ	they are going to know	عَلِمَ	عَلِمْتُ أَنَّ الْقِطَارَ سَيَتَأَخَّرُ.
نَجْعَلُ	we made	جَعَلَ	جَعَلَ اللَّهُ الْبَشَرَ ذُكُورًا وَإِنَاثًا.
خَلَقْنَاكُمْ	we created	خَلَقَ	خَلَقَ اللَّهُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ.
لِبَاسًا	clothing	لَبَسَ	يَلْبَسُ الْمُسْلِمُونَ فِي الْعِيدِ أَجْمَلَ لِبَاسٍ.
بَنَيْنَا	we must built	بَنَى	بَنَى الْمُهَنْدِسُ الْبَيْتَ.

Qur'anic Word	Meaning	Root	Example
أَنْزَلْنَا	We sent down	نَزَلَ	نَزَلَ الْمَطَرُ فَنبَتَ الزَّرْعُ.
الْمُعْصِرَاتِ	the rain clouds	عَصَرَ	عَصَرَتْ أُمِّي الثَّيَابَ فِي الْحَوْضِ.
نُخْرِجُ	We may bring out	خَرَجَ	خَرَجَ الْعَامِلُ مِنْ بَيْتِهِ مُبَكَّرًا.
يُنْفَخُ	is blown	نَفَخَ	نَفَخَ الطِّفْلُ بِالوَنَّا كَبِيرًا.
تَأْتُونَ	you will come	أَتَى	أَتَى إِلَى الْبَيْتِ ضُيُوفٌ كَثِيرُونَ.
فُتِحَتْ	is opened	فَتَحَ	فَتَحَ الطَّالِبُ النَّافِذَةَ.
يَذُوقُونَ	they taste	ذَوَّقَ	ذَاقَتْ أُمِّي الطَّعَامَ.
شَرَابًا	drink	شَرِبَ	شَرِبْتُ كُوبَ الْخَلِيبِ.
يَرْجُونَ	they hoped	رَجَوُ	عِبَادُ اللَّهِ يَرْجُونَ رَحْمَتَهُ.
كَذَّبُوا	they belied	كَذَبَ	الْمُؤْمِنُونَ لَا يَكْذِبُونَ أَبَدًا.
نَزِيدُكُمْ	increase you	زَادَ	زَادَتْ أَعْدَادُ السَّائِحِينَ فِي الصَّيْفِ.
يَسْمَعُونَ	they hear	سَمِعَ	سَمِعَ الطِّفْلُ كَلَامَ وَالِدَيْهِ.
يَقُومُ	stand	قَامَ	قَامَ سَعِيدٌ اخْتِرَامًا لَوَالِدِهِ.
يَتَكَلَّمُونَ	they speak	كَلَّمَ	تَكَلَّمَ الْإِمَامُ كَلَامًا مُفِيدًا.
أَذِنَ	permit	أَذِنَ	أَذِنْتُ لِأَخِي بِاسْتِعْمَالِ أَقْلَامِ التَّلْوِينِ.
قَالَ	said	قَوْلَ	لَا أَقُولُ إِلَّا الصَّدْقَ.
أَنْذَرْنَاكُمْ	We warned you	نَذَرَ	أَنْذَرَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى الْكَافِرِينَ.
يَنْظُرُ	observe	نَظَرَ	لَا تَنْظُرْ إِلَى الشَّمْسِ مُبَاشَرَةً.
قَدَّمْتُ	have put forth	قَدَّمَ	قَدَّمَ اللَّاعِبُ عَرْضًا رَائِعًا.

سُورَةُ الشَّحْجِ

Ash-Sharh

The Broadening Makkan Period

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This surah is similar to the last one. The Prophet ﷺ, and the early believers needed encouraging words from Allah ﷻ, as their own people, and even family members, had turned against them. The society was throwing its crushing weight against the Muslims, and refused to give up idol-worship and its ignorant customs of oppression and superstition. Muslims with little family support were often beaten in the streets or even murdered. This surah tells the Prophet ﷺ and the Muslims to be firm and increase their devotion to their Lord. That was the antidote, the inner medicine, to cure the feelings of inferiority and fear that the Makkans heaped upon them.

الشَّحْجِ

سُورَةُ الشَّحْجِ

The Broadening

Sura Ash-Sharh

Repetition Track No. 17

Memorization Track No. 54

In The Name of Allah,
the Compassionate Source of
All Mercy.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

(Don't give up hope, Muhammad),
for haven't We broadened your
understanding

أَلَمْ نَشْرَحْ لَكَ صَدْرَكَ ۝١

And relieved you of the burden

وَوَضَعْنَا عَنْكَ وِزْرَكَ ۝٢

Which weighed you down,

الَّذِي أَنْقَضَ ظَهْرَكَ ۝٣

And (haven't We) elevated your
dignity?

وَرَفَعْنَا لَكَ ذِكْرَكَ ۝٤

Certainly, with every hardship
there follows relief.

فَإِنَّ مَعَ الْعُسْرِ يُسْرًا ۝٥

Certainly after hardship there is
relief.

إِنَّ مَعَ الْعُسْرِ يُسْرًا ۝٦

So, when you're free (from other
concerns), devote yourself further
(to Allah's remembrance)

فَإِذَا فَرَغْتَ فَانصَبْ ۝٧

And turn to your Lord for hope.

وَإِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ فَارْغَبْ ۝٨

Words to know

Qur'anic Word	Meaning
صَدْرَكَ	your breast
ظَهْرَكَ	your back

Qur'anic Word: Root and Meaning

Qur'anic Word	Meaning	Root	Example
نَشْرَحُ	We expanded	شَرَحَ	شَرَحَ صَدْرِي بِقِرَاءَةِ الْقُرْآنِ.
وَضَعْنَا	We removed	وَضَعَ	وَضَعْتُ الْحَقِييَّةَ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ.
وَرَفَعْنَا	and raised high	رَفَعَ	رَفَعَ الْعُمَلَاءُ أَعِمَّةَ النَّبِيِّ.
ذَكَرَكَ	your remembrance	ذَكَرَ	تَذَكَّرْتُ مَوْعِدَ السَّفَرِ.
الْعُسْرُ	hardship	عَسَرَ	نَلَجَأَ إِلَى اللَّهِ تَعَالَى فِي الْعُسْرِ.
فَرَعْتَ	you have finished	فَرَعَ	فَرَعَ الْوَعَاءُ.
فَارَغَبَ	turn your invocations	رَغَبَ	رَغَبْتُ سَلْمَى فِي الْحِجَابِ.

Surah 94 Review Exercises

Think and Write

1. Why did Allah ﷻ tell the Prophet ﷺ not to give up hope or be depressed?
2. What famous principle is given in this surah that can help anyone going through tough times?
3. When we are not busy with something else, what is a Muslim supposed to do?
4. How can the message of this surah make a person strengthen his faith and conviction, even in the middle of great and terrible troubles?

Activity

Do a little research on the suffering and persecution of the early Muslims. There are many books where you can readily find this information. Take note of the cruelty of the idol-worshippers and the names of some of the Muslims who were hurt (Bilal ibn Rabah ؓ) or killed (Sumayah bint Khayyat ؓ). Then write a poem in which you try to give them a message of hope. Make the poem at least 2-3 stanzas, or paragraphs, with each stanza having at least four lines. Not all poems must rhyme.

السَّلَامُ

Qur'anic Story

Surat Ash-Sharh

(Students in a classroom)

- Narrator:** Something was going on. Jennah could just feel it.
- Kids were mysteriously disappearing from her class at Emaan Elementary School. Today it was Tariq; yesterday, Huda and the day before, Yusuf.
- Jennah:** "What's happening?" *(Jennah whispered to Abdullah.)*
- Abdullah:** *(Abdullah gave her a knowing smile.)* "Aliens. Gotta be aliens."
- Jennah:** "You and your old aliens," said Jennah crossly.
- Narrator:** There was a knock at the door, and Sister Raheemah, the school principal, entered the class.
- Sister Raheemah:** "As-salaamu alaykum."
- Children:** "Wa alaykum as-salaam wa rahmat Allahi wa barakatu."
- Sister Raheemah:** "There is an unprecedented case of the contagious Varicella virus that seems to be localized in your classroom. There is no cause for alarm for those of you who have been previously infected. But for those who have not as yet contracted the virus, we are sending a memo home to your parents to take all necessary precautions. Wa alaykum as-salaam wa rahmat Allahi wa barakatu."
- Narrator:** Sister Raheemah walked out of the class leaving Jennah wondering what on earth THAT was all about. Small whisperings started at the front of the class and made their

way back to Jennah's desk. Something about chickens and spots. Maybe Abdullah was right after all. Aliens from some spotted planet were invading the earth with a plan to take over all the fast food restaurants!

- 'Aisha:** "I had it last year."
- Abdullah:** "It was awful."
- Bilal:** *(moaning)* "I was in bed for two whole weeks."
- Shireen:** "My mom threatened to tie my hands together if I didn't stop itching!"
- Children:** "Ooh...!" *(Said everyone admiringly.)*
- Change of scene to Jennah's House*
- Jennah:** "Auntie Dima, Auntie Dima!!" *(Cried Jennah.)*
We have to get rid of all the chickens and eggs and everything!"
- Dima:** "As-salaamu alaykum and hold on little sister. And just why do we have to get rid of all the poultry?"
- Jennah:** "Auntie Dima, YOU know about the Chicken Spots. You MUST know about the Chicken Spots! You're a grown up."
- Dima:** "Chicken Spots? You mean Chicken Pox? Here let me see that letter you're waving around. *(She reads the letter under her breath).* Honestly little sister, I think that principal of yours is an amazing woman, masha'Allah, but she sure does have a fancy way with words."
- Jennah:** "It's not funny Auntie Dima. This is serious. More kids are missing from my class every day."
- Dima:** "La hawla wa la kuwata ila billah. There is no one who has power over us but Allahﷻ. What she's talking about hon, is